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TO :
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FROM :

The following information, is being forwarded to you in the belief that it will be of interest:

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1. The British daily newspaper Gibraltar Chronicle recently (about 8 June 1946) carried an article on page one entitled "Britain Must Aid Arabs". This article reported a speech by Kenneth Lindsay, Independent member of Parliament for Combined Universities in which he was quoted as having stated:

"If Britain is aloof and cynical, the Arab League can easily grow into a fanatical body, but if British advice is helpful and sympathetic, our prestige will be enhanced, suspicions will die down and our legitimate interests will be jointly conserved."

2. The article went on to say that Lindsay had just returned from a trip to the Middle East where he sought a closer understanding with the Arab nations based on friendship. Lindsay added "Russia has established Consulates in the main cities and Communist propaganda is slowly making headway, but Russia is feared more than admired". "Now is the time," he said, "for Britain to offer help."

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3. The quotation from Lindsay's speech concludes:
"The changeover from a policy resting on force
to one based on friendship and understanding
must be followed up with offers of economic
assistance, and an offer of a wide variety of
specialists' services, particularly in the
fields of agricultural development, health and
education."

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